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1. UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD WELCOME SERVICE ON A FOREIGN SERVICE SELECTION BOARD BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO THE WORK OF SUCH BOARDS AND BECAUSE OF VALUABLE EXPERIENCE TO BE GAINED BY SUCH AN ASSIGNMENT. MY AVAILABILITY, HOWEVER, IS CIRCUMSCRIBED SINCE I HAVE BEEN ACTING AS CHARGE FOR SOME MONTHS NOW AND BELIEVE I SHOULD BE PRESENT IN MOSCOW WHEN A NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES, PRESUMABLY SOMETIME AFTER THE TURN OF THE YEAR, IF NOT BEFORE. MY AVAILABILITY, THEREFORE, IS DEPENDENT UPON THE ARRIVAL DATE AND WISHES OF A NEW AMBASSADOR AND, OF COURSE, UPON THE VIEWS OF EUR. AT THE PRESENT TIME, I PLAN TO DEPART POST IN MID-DECEMBER FOR THE CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING IN LONDON AND THEN TAKE A FEW WEEKS LEAVE IN ILLINOIS, RETURNING TO MOSCOW VIA A SUPPORT FLIGHT FROM WIESBADEN.

2. POL COUNSELOR MARK J. GARRISON WOULD ALSO BE PLEASED TO SERVE ON A SELECTION BOARD, BUT WILL FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES BE UNAVAILABLE BECAUSE HE SHOULD BE PRESENT WHEN A NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVES AND BECAUSE OTHER OFFICERS IN HIS SECTION HAVE ALREADY SCHEDULED LEAVE OR BUSINESS TRIPS IN JANUARY.

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